President shall place the findings of the Council along with the accompanying material before the Parliament which would then act as per the prescribed procedure.

(vi) The Council shall issue a Code of Conduct containing Guidelines for conduct and behaviour of Judges.

Collaboration with foreign technological universities

*24. SHRI NATUJI HALAJI THAKOR:
SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to allow foreign technological universities to collaborate with Indian universities and institutes, to conduct joint programmes;

(b) whether suitable regulations in this regard have been brought out by Government; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) According to the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), it has received 56 proposals from Indian education providers to conduct technical education programmes in collaboration with Foreign Universities/Institutions. Six institutions have been registered by AICTE for providing technical education in India in collaboration with six foreign universities/institutions. Indian Universities being autonomous have, since 2004, been allowed to enter into MoU for collaborative research programmes with foreign universities/institutions of higher learning, and no prior permission of Central Government/State Governments or the University Grants Commission is necessary in that regard.

(b) and (c) At present, only All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has framed regulations, which were last revised in the year 2005, for the entry and operation of foreign universities/institutions for imparting technical education in India. A legislative proposal for regulating the entry and operation of foreign educational institutions, in India is under consideration of the Government.

Overdrawal of electricity from the Grid

*25. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC) has issued directions to State Governments to curb overdrawal of power/electricity from the Grid;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether inspite of directions by the CERC, the States are violating the Indian

Electricity Grid Code and are ignoring the instructions of the Regional Load Despatch Centres (RLDC); and

(d) if so, the concrete steps Government proposes to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and (b) The Indian Electricity Grid Code (IEGC) provides that the constituents should endeavour to restrict their net drawal from the grid within their respective drawal schedules whenever frequency is below 49.5 Hz. and carry out requisite load shedding to curtail over-drawal when frequency falls below 49.0 Hz. The Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC) has issued directions from time to time to the Constituents/State Utilities, impressing upon them the need to maintain the safety and stability of the Grid in accordance with the provisions of the Indian Electricity Grid Code (IEGC) notified by the Commission under Section 178 of the Electricity Act, 2003.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The Regional Load Despatch Centre being the designated apex body for monitoring of grid operations in the region, takes up the matter with over-drawing constituents as and when required. In case of persistent default, notices are issued under Clause 1.5 of IEGC by Regional Load Despatch Centre and Member Secretary, Regional Power Committee. The matter is also taken up by Central Transmission Utility, Central Electricity Authority and Ministry of Power whenever required. Secretary (Power), Government of India had convened a meeting of constituent States/UTs of Northern, Western and Southern Regions on 12th September, 2008 and *inter alia* directed them to curb over-drawal from the Grid.

Recently, *vide* order dated 22.09.2008 in Petition No.89/2008, after hearing the concerned parties, the CERC imposed penalty of One Lakh Rupees each on Transmission Corporation of Andhra Pradesh Limited, Karnataka Power Transmission Limited, Tamil Nadu Electricity Board and Kerala State Electricity Board for violation of Grid Code.

Subsequent to the issue of show cause notice and imposition of penalty on the Southern Region Grid Constituents, improvement has been reported in Grid frequency of the Southern Region.

The Commission has *vide* its Order dated 16.10.2008 in *suo-moto* Petition No. 115/2008, warned that penalty proceedings under section 142 of the Act may be resorted to by the Commission for each instance of violation of grid discipline and that provision of section 149 of the Act may be invoked for action against the person in-charge of and responsible for the affairs of the defaulting utility. The Commission has further directed the RLDCs to report within 3 days block-wise over-drawls made by each State utility at grid frequency less than 49.0 Hz. RLDCs have also been directed to report within 3 days each case of non-compliance of their directions, to the Commission with all the necessary details such as nature of default, details of the directions, outcome of the direction, for action under section 29 of the Act, if found fit by the Commission.